

1City of Selah
Council Minutes

August 8, 2006

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Brian Harris, Denise Nichols, Paul Overby, Allen Schmid,
Herb Schmidt; Scott Smeback

Members Excused: Keith Larson was stuck in traffic.

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Darin Spang, City Attorney; Jerry Davis,
Fire Chief; Rick Gutierrez, Police Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works
Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Rec
Director

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Brian Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance. Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Mayor Jones announced that items M – 1 and M – 2 have been removed from the Agenda.

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Letter to Police Chief Gutierrez from Grandview Police Chief

Mayor Jones stated his appreciation for Chief Gutierrez's helping in Grandview.

b. Back Cover Yakima Visitor & Convention Bureau August-September Brochure

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting July 25, 2006
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 48003 – 48090 for a total of \$745,656,34 and Payroll checks nos. 59096 – 59202 for a total of \$163,281.13.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Scott Smeback moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Council Member Denise Nichols seconded. By voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

- 1. Decision and Findings of Fact Valhalla Heights Phases 1 & 2

City Attorney Darin Spang addressed Item L-1, noting he added parcel numbers to include street improvements, amended item #3 and added a 20th condition as directed by Council.

Council Member Allen Schmid moved to reaffirm approval of the Decision and Findings of Fact for Valhalla Heights Phases 1 & 2. Council Member Herb Schmidt seconded. Roll was called. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Harris – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Larson joined the meeting.

M. Resolutions

- 1. ~~Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Agreement Between the City of Selah and Yakima Valley Pepsi Pak for the City's Use of the Pepsi Pak Bus~~ - withdrawn
- 2. ~~Resolution Requesting Yakima County Commissioners To Place on the November 2006 Ballot a Levy for a .3 of 1% Selah Sales Tax Increase for the Purpose of Continuing Yakima Transit Service to the Selah Community~~ - withdrawn

N. Ordinances

- 1. Ordinance Creating and Establishing a Civil Service Commission for the Fire Department

Chief Jerry Davis passed around the Fire Department Civil Service Rules and Regulations, noting that while reviewing policies and procedures last year he discovered the Fire Department needs to be part of Civil Service. He stated this affects only career staff since it covers firing and hiring. He stated he has contacted four people to determine their interest in serving on this Commission, and he has heard back from two, one of whom expressed interest.

Police Chief Rick Gutierrez stated the Police Department uses Civil Service for hiring and promotions.

Jerry Davis stated he used the Police Department Civil Service document as a model and amended it to include items specific to the Fire Department.

Council Member Allen Schmid moved to approve the Ordinance Creating and Establishing a Civil Service Commission for the Fire Department. Council Member Scott Smeback seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Harris – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported he's been back to work for a week and has been primarily working on annexations. He stated he received the Apodaca letter back from the County certifying the percentage of assessed valuation for their proposed annexation. He reported he will have Hagen done today and get that out to property owners next week, but he's still collecting data on Nelson petition. He noted building activity is constant, but there are presently no new subdivisions.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported that next Wednesday they will begin paving Crusher Canyon; most of curb is in, and armoring along Naches bank will begin if they can get a crane in. He stated they will likely open two lanes at a time, but assured the Council it will be paved by the time school starts and pear harvest begins.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported he has been working with the Selah Skateboard Association, and passed around a copy of a request from that group. He reported they have collected \$7,500 toward equipment they would like to purchase for which shipping will be free. He stated that with sales tax the equipment will cost \$9300. The Skateboard Association is still \$2200 short and is asking the City's help.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted Mr. Hagler has funds in his equipment reserve budget that could cover this.

The Parks & Rec Director said the Skateboard Association is asking for a City donation/match for new equipment in addition to what they have now. He noted everything is portable.

In response to a question from Councilman Harris, he noted the skatepark is much better with less graffiti.

Councilwoman Nichols asked how close we are to moving the skatepark.

Councilman Schmid responded within a year.

Council Member Herb Schmidt moved to assist in the purchase of new skatepark equipment in the amount of \$2200 to be taken out of Jeff's reserve equipment budget. Allen Schmid second. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Harris – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Schmid reported tomorrow he and others will be cleaning up the skateboard park at 11:00am. He urged Council Members to participate. Fire Chief Jerry Davis suggested using a fire truck to hose the area off.

Police Chief Gutierrez thanked everyone for coming out to Wixson Park for the National Night Out. He noted they had good response at that activity and at block parties. He reported they will be holding the first Explorer's Academy at Goose Prairie.

City Attorney Darin Spang reported they had a light court today. He stated they are preparing for a jury trial coming up as well as preparing for the Southern Estates court case.

Councilman Brian Harris had nothing to say.

Councilman Keith Larson reported he and Councilman Smeback attended a Selah Parks & Recreation Service Area Board meeting to discuss maintenance and operations ballot issues, and they will meet tomorrow afternoon with some of those who support a ballot issues, for example, the soccer group that is eager to get fields.

Councilman Scott Smeback wished Council Member Harris a happy birthday.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet announced the committee for the Teen Center and Skateboard Park will meet at 1:30 Friday to discuss proposals which they in turn will present to a joint meeting of the Council and School Board.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis thanked Darin Spang and Julie Gray for their work on the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. He reported Selah Fire Department assisted out in East Valley the night before.

Mayor Jones stated the Mid Valley Championship Swim Meet will be held in Selah next year, and the swimming lane ropes need to be replaced. He stated it will take about \$4,000 to replace them.

Parks & Rec Director Jeff Hagler stated they are used every day for lane swimming.

Councilman Scott Smeback explained the purpose of lane ropes is to keep the water flat during races.

Councilwoman Denise Nichols suggested Jeff add that to next year's budget.

Mayor Jones called on Dan Hankinson, 804 Riverview, who addressed the Council. He stated Crusher Canyon will be beautiful for eight months out of the year, and predicted accidents will happen at the bottom of the hill when the streets are covered with snow and ice.

Mayor Jones stated he has spoken to the Public Works Director and Police Chief and has learned that there is 20% less grade than there was before. He stated street with hills have priority for deicer. Mr. Hankinson stated nobody like to used 10th Street because of the school bus stop there.

Public Works Director Joe Henne noted the road is 25 feet higher than before.

Michelle Bannister addressed the Council regarding the need for new lane ropes, stating the current ones are brittle and don't float. She stated that shipping alone will be over \$2000. She stated they also need new starting blocks.

Mayor Jones asked her to let him know how much money the Swim Team has toward that purchase.

Councilman Scott Smeback noted that what money the Swim Team has will be used to host the championship meet.

Michelle Bannister stated 120 kids signed up for Swim Team this year.

Mayor Jones declared a brief recess, stating the Council will reconvene for an Executive Session of 40 minutes to discuss real estate and personnel.

Q. Executive Session

The Council moved into Executive Session at 4:50pm. The Council moved out of Executive Session at 5:40pm.

The City Supervisor and Development Committee members presented an offer to purchase parcels 181436-21416 and 181436-21417 for \$889,684.00. The purchasers are James, Donna, Danny and Yvonne Garner. The City supervisor noted that the City has been trying to attract a hotel/motel on the property along with a convention center and other retail shops, and that there will be significant revenues from the retail businesses proposed by the purchasers.

Council Member Keith Larson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase and sale agreement with James, Donna, Danny and Yvonne Garner for parcels 181436-21416 and 181436-21417 at a price of \$889,684. Council Member Paul Overby seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Harris – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

R. Adjournment

Council Member Allen Schmid moved and Council Member Keith Larson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Paul Overby, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

Denise Nichols, Council Member

Brian Harris, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

Scott Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer